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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BRANIFF'S FREQUENCY

REF: STATE 114742

1. AMBASSADOR, ACCOMPANIED BY ECON COUNS, PRESENTED BRANIFF NINTH FREQUENCY REQUEST ON MAY 22 TO TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARY NOVARO. WITH NOVARO WERE TRANSPORT SUB-SECRETARY CERRAJERIA AND AEROLINEAS PRESIDENT ROBERTO VICENTE MARTORANO (AIR FORCE LT. COL., RETIRED).

2. EMBASSY MADE POINTS AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, BUT ALTHOUGH DISCUSSION VERY FRIEDLY IN TONE, NOVARO AND CERRAJERIA FIRM IN STATING THAT GOA NOT PREPARED RECONSIDER DECISION. THEY DID NOT PRECLUDE IN ANY WAY POSSIBILITY OF EVENTUAL APPROVAL OF NINTH FREQUENCY, BUT GOA POSITION REMAINS (AS THEY HAD TOLD LOCAL BRANIFF REP EARLIER) THAT WITH FORMAL TALKS COMING UP IN LESS THAN A MONTH, MATTER CAN BE DEALT WITH AT THAT TIME. THEY NOTED THAT TO BEST THEIR KNOWLEDGE, BRANIFF NOT FACED WITH ANY URGENT OPERATIONAL OR OTHER PROBLEM IN CONNECTION WITH NINTH FREQUENCY WHICH WOULD CALL FOR IMMEDIATE DECISION.

3. MARTORANO DID NOT TAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN CONVERSATION.

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HOWEVER, WHEN ASKED BY NOVARO IN CONNECTION WITH

BRANIFF FREQUENCIES IF HE WISHED TO COMMENT, MARTORANO SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER U.S. WAS INTERESTED IN TAKING MEMORANDUM OF 1972 AS POSSIBLE BASIS FOR AGREEMENT IN FORTHCOMING TALKS. HE APPEARED TO BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE GOOD APPROACH. ECONCOUNS REPLIED THAT EMBASSY NOT IN POSITION TO DISCUSS; WE HAD NOT HAD THIS SUGGESTION PREVIOUSLY FROM GOA, NOR DID EMBASSY HAVE INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE MEMORANDUM. COMMENT: EMBASSY THINKS THIS WAS PROBABLY MARTORANO'S OWN IDEA, BUT HIS REACTION IS INTERESTING SINCE GOA OFFICIALS HAVE MADE MINIMUM OF REFERENCE TO 1972 MEMORANDUM.

4. AMBASSADOR INQUIRED HOW PLANS FOR 747 WERE COMING. CERRAJERIA SAID THAT CORPORACION DE EMPRESAS NACIONALES WAS EXPECTED TO APPROVE AEROLINEAS/BOEING CONTRACT WITHIN FEW DAYS (AS OF MAY 30 CONTRACT APPARENTLY STILL NOT APPROVED).

5. BRANIFF LOCAL REP INFORMED OF SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATION. BELIEVE HE NOT SURPRISED AT RESULT, BUT GLAD TO SEE NINTH FREQUENCY MATTER TABLED WITH GOA BEFORE FORMAL TALKS COMMENCE. MONTLLO
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